

CLAIMS

- [1] A sample analysis tool comprising:
a substrate; and
5 at least one reagent pad provided on the substrate,
wherein a balance pad is provided on the substrate so as to adjust at
least one of weight balance and friction balance of the sample analysis tool.
- [2] The sample analysis tool according to claim 1, wherein
the substrate is in a strip shape,
10 one end portion of the substrate serves as a holding portion and a
portion other than the holding portion serves as a reagent pad arrangement
region,
the at least one reagent pad is provided on a side opposite to a holding
portion side in the reagent pad arrangement region and the balance pad is
15 provided on the holding portion side in the reagent pad arrangement region.
- [3] The sample analysis tool according to claim 1, wherein
the substrate is in a strip shape,
one end portion of the substrate serves as a holding portion and a
portion other than the holding portion serves as a reagent pad arrangement
20 region,
the at least one reagent pad is provided on a side opposite to a holding
portion side in the reagent pad arrangement region and the balance pad is
provided in the holding portion.
- [4] The sample analysis tool according to claim 1, wherein the number of
25 the reagent pads is in a range from 1 to 8 and the number of the balance pads
is in a range of 1 to 3.
- [5] The sample analysis tool according to claim 2, wherein two or more
reagent pads are arranged in series along a longitudinal direction of the
strip-shaped substrate.
- 30 [6] The sample analysis tool according to claim 1, which is used for a

urinalysis, a biochemical test, a microorganism test, an immunological test, a genetic analysis, an environmental test, a test for an agricultural chemical, or an allergen test.

[7] The sample analysis tool according to claim 6, wherein a test item in
5 the urinalysis is at least one selected from the group consisting of glucose (GLU), protein (PRO), bilirubin (BIL), urobilinogen (URO), pH, occult blood (BLD), ketone bodies (KET), nitrite (NIT), leukocytes (LEU), S.G. (specific gravity), a color tone, ascorbic acid, a salt concentration, highly-sensitive protein, albumin, creatinine, Bence-Jones protein, hormones, and
10 physiologically active substances, and

at least one reagent pad is provided for each test item.

[8] The sample analysis tool according to claim 1, which is analyzed by an analyzer.